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## The Making of Men.

J. W. CHADWICK.

As an insect from the rock  
Takes the color of its wing;  
As the boulder from the shock  
Of the ocean's rhythmic swing,  
Makes itself a perfect form,  
Learns a calmer front to raise;  
As the shell, enameled worn  
With the prism's mystic rays,  
Praises wind and wave that make  
All its chambers fair and strong;  
As the mighty poets take  
Grief and pain to build their song;  
Even so for every soul,  
Whatso'er its lot may be—  
Building, as the heavens roll,  
Something large and strong and free—  
Things that hurt and things that mar  
Shape the man for perfect praise;  
Shock and strain and ruin are  
Friendlier than the smiling days.



## Premonitions.

The wife of the famous Italian painter, Segantini, who died unexpectedly of pneumonia last year in the Engadine, has written to the editor of the *Rivista di Studi Psichici* an account of a curious incident which occurred at their home on the Maleja thirteen days before her husband's death. Segantini was then perfectly well and had just finished his important painting, "Death," in which a mountain scene was represented, with the figure of a woman weeping over a bier. Segantini was resting in the studio when his wife entered, thinking him asleep. He then told her that, while perfectly awake, he had seen his own body on the bier and had seen her weeping over it amid the scenery represented in the picture.

Thirteen days later Segantini died in the small mountain cottage on the Schaffberg, above Pontresina, where he stayed while painting. The scene, as his body was carried down the mountain, was identical with that of which he had had so clear a vision thirteen days before. —*Humanitarian*.

## The Dog Spoke.

A special dispatch from Paris to the *Chicago Tribune*, dated Sept. 1, 1900, says:

One of the most wonderful stories of the transmigration of souls ever told comes from L'Orient, an Eastern seaport, where seven persons of good intelligence and a reputation for truth swear upon their honor that a dog spoke to them intelligently.

Ten years ago, according to their testimony, a mariner of the name of Kerbec, who had always

been a firm believer in the transmigration of the human soul to the body of an inferior being, told his wife that after he died he would return to her in the disguise of some domestic pet.

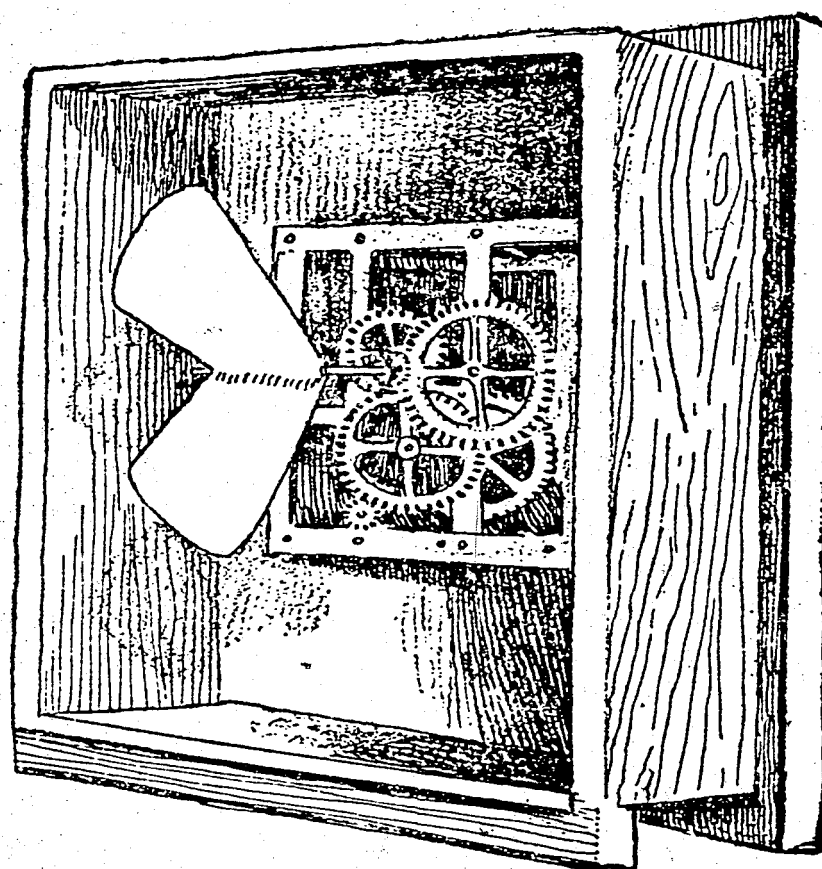
Four years ago a strange dog wandered into the house and remained, being well taken care of by the family. Three days ago, Widow Kerbec, her three grown children, and three neighbors, including a skeptical schoolmaster, were spending the evening together at the house, chatting pleasantly, when suddenly the dog rose on his hind

legs and spoke distinctly in a far-away, unnatural voice, these words: "Adieu, wife and children; adieu, friends." Then the dog fell over stone dead.

## A Prophetic Vision.

A red-hot plow, heated and run by electricity, was one of our late visions. The heat, for some reason, seemed to renew and increase the growing power of the land; at least, the crops produced were much more bountiful than those

## Perpetual Motion Revealed by Spirits.



MACHINE MAY ALWAYS MOVE.

This fan has been ceaselessly revolving for a month, according to the statement of Mrs. Mary A. Drake. She claims that she has discovered the law of perpetual motion through the advice of the spirits of her father and grandfather.

Aided by the spirits of her father and grandfather, Mrs. Mary A. Drake, of 7 South Tenth St., Philadelphia, Pa., says she has solved the problem of perpetual motion. She has on exhibition in her little store the curious bit of mechanism, something like an old-fashioned clock in appearance, which, she says, will produce motion forever.

From the rear, as the machine sits on a shelf, can be seen a little paper fan, which tirelessly revolves. The inventor willingly picks up the little box and gives the curiously inclined a glimpse of the brass wheels, cogs and things which cluster around the revolving iron rod on which the fan is placed.

There is no spring and no indication that it would be possible to wind the affair to keep it moving. Yet, according to the testimony of all observers, the fan has been whirling for a month.

"My experiments have only begun," said Mrs. Drake; "yet I have demonstrated that perpetual motion is not a dream, but a fact. This, my first machine, proves that. I am at work on a much larger one, which will be put into practical use. The power will be used to drive machinery. Until it is completed and patented, I can give no details concerning my discovery. It is very simple. The different parts of the mechanism must be perfectly balanced. That is the secret. How I work it out is mine.

"I am naturally a machinist. I ran an engine which furnished the propelling power for a big factory, when only 16. I can take one apart, and put it together again, if need be. In this work, however, the spirits of my father and grandfather are helping me. The dead know all things. It is because of their aid that I know I'll succeed in giving to the world a new motive power." —*Philadelphia North American*, Aug. 28, 1900.

where an ordinary plow had been used—according to the vision.—*Lucy A. Mallory*.

## Buried Alive.

Miss Maud Matthews of Lexington, Ky., was on Thursday, July 12, raised from a grave in the presence of about 1,000 persons, which she had occupied since the Monday previous, and when the coffin was opened she stepped forth and met the half-frightened, skeptical on-lookers with a cheery "Hello!"

The case has caused a sensation, and as the details are made public, they almost pass the credible.

On July 9 the young girl was put under hypnotic influence. A coffin, such as is ordinarily used, was procured, and she was placed in it. The body of the girl was then borne to Woodland Park, and a grave having been previously prepared, the coffin was lowered five feet into the grave and the dirt and stones thrown in and over it. To make the affair as realistic as possible, the earth was mounded over. Then the burial party left.

On July 12 it was advertised that the grave would be opened that day, and when the grave-diggers got there, there was a great crowd present to witness the disinterment.

Laboriously the diggers lifted out the earth spadeful by spadeful, the crowd standing with bated breath and eager eyes.

The coffin was lifted carefully to the surface and the lid unscrewed. Miss Matthews was discovered in the same position as when buried. She looked as though in a peaceful sleep.

The physician who had hypnotized her before her burial, stepped forward and uttered a word or two in her ear. Instantly she awoke, and stepping lightly from the coffin greeted him with a familiar "Hello."

## Soul Consciousness.

ANITA TRUEMAN.

Many persons believe that I am the reincarnation of Socrates and Plato, but I know that it is only that I have inherited the philosophy of all the ages.

I am coming with a message the world wants; showing how the kingdom of heaven may reign on earth, which is simply combining the ideal and the practical.

My knowledge came out of the infinite, and I learned to grasp it. I am in touch with my own soul—my higher nature. I remember that when I first began to speak, I was distinctly conscious that it was not the usual I who did it. It was as though my voice spoke from a higher plane; that it had gone out of my body and was speaking from



the infinite. But now that higher being is within me, because I practiced the things I believed and brought myself in contact with my soul, which is what that higher power was.

In that way I am a psychic. I believe every one's soul is within them, and that the personal self may be united with the higher; but many people are so small that there is no room for their souls to grow in. Mind is a manifestation of the soul and grows by practical application to life.

Education is self-discovery, and not cramming with facts as is done at high schools and colleges. The principles of education should serve to make the mind so active and free that it is ready to think for you.

I know that every one is capable of leading a higher life, and my message is to show them how they may. I am the voice of the Infinite to those people, and that is why I lecture, that I may reach them. I do not feel the needs of my audience when first I go before them, but I always reach them and I speak without notes.

Several years ago I campaigned with Henry George, and that led me to direct metaphysics in a new channel. Through politics I got my mind into a receptive stage for the people and got ready to meet them. That is what I call education—when the mind is receptive to be able to impart thoughts that will reach those for whom it is then working.

Education is merely advancing the principles of Froebel, instead of limiting them to the kindergarten. The mind should be developed until it is so fresh and active that it is always receptive; then it is ready to think and serve you at the moment. Teachers should take that mental attitude toward their pupils; should recognize that they are divine souls asked to live on earth. It isn't environment that affects a child, but what he thinks about it.

I could not say why all these things are so real to me, but I know them.

Long ago I went out of myself into the infinite. I dwell there now, and if others would do the same they would feel things as I do.—*New York Telegram.*

### Vanity of Self-Pity.

HENRY FRANK.

Nurse not thy sorrow. He who hugs his grief harbors a coiled viper at his heart. Melancholy is a demure siren who lures us by the strange, sad music of her notes. She compels us to believe that pain is pleasure, and darkness fairer than the day. Her minor notes and thrilling bass throb with anguish and despair; he who leans his heart in sympathy soon learns to love the prison cell better than the wind-swept heights of freedom. To him the tear-wet cheeks of pallid night are dearer than the rosy lips of blushing dawn. Hope drags her wings and love's fair eyelids droop.

He hears a groan in every passing breeze and in each ghostly shadow spies a lurking foe. Fear chisels his coward lips and gloom drapes them with her murky veil. His trembling knees refuse to hold his palsied frame; he sinks be-moaned or pitied, forgotten or despised. The world of affairs has no room for cowards. They are trampled to death, and shame buries them in the potter's field of obscurity.

Self-pity is the Mephistopheles misguiding many a Faustus. Listen to its soft and seductive syllables of sympathy and you are lost. Once you feel yourself outraged, the victim of untoward fate, the footstool of your foes, and the target of misfortune's errors—the arm of Mephistopheles is around your neck and his chains of bondage are entwining you. Heed not your heart when it cries: "Oh, pity me," nor look upon the purple lips of pain when they tremble with despair. Crush thy coward fear and despise the tears of melancholy. They are not thine. Thou art other than the house that harbors thee. Thou canst destroy this house and yet abide.

Sorrow betimes surrounds thee and misfortune bombards thee from her vantage ground. Nevertheless, remember her fortifications are of gossamer and her belching cannon puffs of passing vapor. By one strong word thou canst dismantle them; by resolution thou canst disarm the pigmy hosts of melancholy. Say thou to Sorrow: "I will not weep with thee." There are no devils that can torment thee, for their torment shall but goad thee on to triumph. Say thou: "For me the Breath of Life is perfumed with the fragrance of undying Hope."

The night is short and the dawn is rich with prophetic hues of golden day. Joy is the keynote of my song and expectant triumph my source of inspiration. Down with grief; let gladness reign. All life is good. What comes is best.—*Independent Thinker.*

### Letter from Prof. Bowman.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am just passing through your great city on my way home from a two months' sojourn in Oregon.

After the New Era camp-meeting, which was a very harmonious and successful one in all important respects, I had the pleasure of ministering to the Portland Spiritualist Society during the month of August. The people there are generous and kind, and the society is in a condition of activity and healthfulness which promises well for the future. During my brief stay of five Sundays there was an addition of twenty or more names to the society's list of members. It has seldom been my good fortune to minister to a more intelligent and cultured audience anywhere, and with wise and judicious management of the Society's public work and services, the Portland Spiritualists may soon have one of the strongest and most respected religious organizations in that city.

And let me say in this connection that the time has evidently come in the history of Spiritualism when there is an imperative demand for a type of public religious services which will command, attract and hold the very best and highest type of liberal, cultured, sober, scientific and level-headed men and women of the world. While it will continue to be necessary for Spiritualism to keep up its phenomenal appeal to the mere faculty of wonder and mysticism to arrest the attention of the materialist and the skeptic, this alone is not sufficient for the mighty culture work demanded of the Spiritualism of this age.

Plainly stated, the intellect, the taste, the moral and spiritual aspirations—not merely the wonder faculty—of the best and most cultured minds of the age have to be

reckoned with in our calculations. It is, therefore, very certain that if our public services are characterized by inferior music, guess-work tests, wrangling debates, or unconstructive lectures—to say nothing of the cranky and sensational oddities and unreasonable extravagances of enthusiastic extremists often heard from our platforms—such "entertainments" will sadly fail to fill our halls with cultured and thinking people. Let us hope that the imperativeness of the demand will bring the needed supply.

W. C. BOWMAN.

### "Pantheism."

QUAKER.

Rev. Chas. R. Erdman's views against Pantheism are not in accord with those of that distinguished scholar and pulpit orator, Rev. Dr. Munger, of New Haven, Conn., who in his great oration at the Parliament of Religions, said:

"A theology that insists on a transcendent God, who sits above the world and spins the threads of its affairs as a spinner at a wheel; that holds to such a conception of God because it involves the simplest of several perplexing propositions; that resents immanence as involving pantheism; that makes two catalogues, the natural and the supernatural, and puts everything it can understand into one list and everything it cannot understand into the other, and then makes faith turn upon accepting this division, such a theology does not command the assent of those minds who express themselves in literature; the poet, the man of genius, the broad and universal thinker pass it by; they stand too near the Deity to be deceived by such renderings of His truth. All the while, in every age, these children of light have made their protest; and it is through them that the chief gains in theological thought have been secured." Dr. Munger adds:

"Evidently Rev. C. R. Erdman is of the old school of theologians who were so deservedly denounced by Jefferson—they perverted the simple ethical teachings of Jesus. That Jefferson's view was correct is evident from the Sermon on the Mount and His declarations to the young man who addressed him as 'Good Master.' His response was: 'There is none good but one—God.' What Paul taught or Dr. Erdman promulgates is immaterial, but the declarations of the Son-of-Man is what dominates. The lawyer was told by him that in order to be saved he should 'Keep the law.' The theology of the traditionalists of the Erdman cult have been and is a stumbling-block to the truth-seeker. Paul declared that he kept his body under lest after he preached to others he 'might be a castaway.' That is true theology—strict accountability. Any system of faith which shields infractions of the moral law is an enemy to humanity. He that doeth righteousness is righteous even as he is righteous."

### Personal Communion.

M. S. NORTON.

That which distinguishes Spiritualism from all other popular religions or philosophies is a demonstration of conscious personal communication between individuals on the physical plane of life and individuals on the spiritual plane.

All religions teach the possibility of communication between

the infinite, or universal, and the individual; but the possibility of individual soul communion between the spheres is too staggering a proposition to be accepted until every other theory has been exhausted.

The phenomenal occurrences which Spiritualists attribute to the operations of individual spirits are sought to be explained by the use of such terms as "Telepathy," "Sub-Conscious Mind," "Thought Forms," "Astral Shells," "Thought Transference," etc. Any absurd or impossible theory is eagerly seized upon in the vain hope that spirit communication may be disproved, or at least not proven.

And yet even the most bigoted of its opposers in their secret hearts hope that it may be true. But when the full force of the mighty truths taught by Modern Spiritualism bursts upon the world, there will be a cataclysm which will involve every form of religion and philosophy, and cause science to readjust its edicts.

The mighty army of priests which infest every avenue of life's activities will be compelled to seek some useful avocation, and the multitude of magnificent cathedrals and houses of worship will be converted into temples of learning, where coming generations may obey the injunction of the classic poet:

Man, know thyself;  
Presume not God to scan;  
The proper study of mankind  
Is man.

Humanity has too long reveled in an abstract contemplation of the universal aspect of life, to the detriment of the individual.

Each of us is a microcosm of the great macrocosm, and the character of the universal is determined by the quality of the unit.

We have no plan of salvation to offer, for man, never having fallen, needs no redemption. We repudiate all vicarious atonements, and deny the existence of a power in the universe which can forgive the transgression of law.

We affirm that morality is a part of the organic law of the universe, and is not the exclusive production of any theological system. The system of ethics from which modern civilization has formulated the science of right living is the result of the accumulated experience and wisdom of the ages, and belongs to no creed or sect.

Proper conditions for inter-sphere communication will open the flood gates of wisdom, and man's forward movement will be accelerated and the sum of human knowledge will be vastly increased.

### Queen City Camp, Vermont.

TO THE EDITOR:

I desire to say a few words about my week's stay at Queen City Park, Vermont, Spiritualist camp-meeting. It would be utterly impossible to describe its beauties of scenery and do it justice; one must go and see for oneself. But I can say something of the quality of the meetings held there.

Great care is taken to procure speakers of real worth. During my sojourn Mrs. Sarah Burnes gave us food from the angels, which, I am sure, will never be forgotten. I sensed harmony everywhere and saw smiling, contented faces in every direction. If any growling was done, it must have been in such a subdued tone that it was unnoticed by right-minded people, therefore did no harm. Warm hearts, good music,



plenty of clean food, cool nights, made my stay perfect.

Such a spiritual atmosphere pervaded the place that I heard more than one person remark that they seemed to be in a half trance condition most of the time—people who had never understood such an experience before. Their description was that of feeling that at any time they would not be surprised to hear an angel speak.

Dr. E. A. Smith is doing his best to make it a success, and has great plans to that end for the next season. It surely is worth something to see his face light up with joy as he passes first one happy group and then another. I could at times see his sweet, glorious-souled wife flitting about with him as he was trying to bring people together for the best results.

JENNIE POTTER.

### Inspirational Music Book.

TO THE EDITOR:

The desire of the spirit-workers to extend knowledge of this nineteenth century revelation so far exceeds that of mortals that its best or more important efforts oftentimes fall on them unheeded. I realize this, in comparing the ideals of even the most cultured and advanced in our ranks with that evidenced in the production of my music book, "Inspiration's Voice." Music to us, as well as to people who are not Spiritualists, is simply an æsthetic indulgence, or, as two members of the Trustee Board of our society here, who held the destinies of our musical service in their hands, expressed it: "It is a noise only, and the words connected with it cut no figure." Its acknowledged use is that of embellishment, as is a painting or a bouquet of flowers.

But a different basis is made in the compilation of this music book. Its use of music is to express with the greatest effectiveness, eloquence and heart appeal a divine truth. To do this it uses many of the best productions that man's musical genius has given to the world through all time, being conscious that no one person can give the many interpretations needed for a subject of such infinite variety.

As a body of people, we, like children, clamor for something new, which at once ages into dreariness on our hands for lack of the excellence which can only give it savor.

The idea involved is not only to appeal to the emotional for an acceptance of the truth of Spiritualism, but to teach it in the most effective and attractive way. This is done by an adaptedness of music to words and of words to music, giving inspiration to both singer and listeners.

My greatest wish is that I might live to see the good done which is in the power of this book to do.

H. W. BOOZER.

### A Thank Offering.

M. E. TAYLOR.

To Thee—the Infinite Intelligence of the universe and loving source of our life and being, our consciousness, conceptive and perceptive faculties and powers. To Thee—the Divine source of all our useful pleasures, joys and happiness, both spiritual and physical, as buds, blooms and fruits thereof.

To Thee—the dual generator of our intellectual ability to drink in

and feast on the complicated vain splendors of universal Nature, meet and commune with Thee in all Thy attributive glory as manifested therein and through.

To Thee—the wisdom Father—Mother dually expressed in the generative law, by giving birth to thy ego offspring. We love, revere, thank and adore Thee for our existence, and cheerfully, as such entertain the sweet optimistic expectation of a happy and blissful reunion with all our brothers and sisters of every grade on those immortal planes of celestial beauty, harmony and peace, in accord with thy Divine will, plan, purpose and unflinching love. Amen.

Santa Barbara, Cal.

### Trust Your Ideals.

WM. E. TOWNE.

If you desire to better your condition, and grow into a state of peace and happiness, then trust your ideals, even though the whole world may call you foolish and doubt your judgment. Your ideals are the means by which you shall be resurrected from the dead thoughts in which you have been existing all these years. Be true to your ideals in the face of all appearances. If the bottom of the universe seems about to fall out, do not be dismayed. Let it fall. You are HERE. You are back of and more than all material changes. If you apparently make no progress for a day, a month, or a year, do not let it discourage you. Trust your ideals, and never cease trying to make them practical, and there can be but one ultimate result—success in all your undertakings.

I know beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is life, freedom and joy in store for the man or woman who is true to his or her ideals. There is the substance of LIFE in your thoughts. There is sufficient power in your ideals to bring you out of the death atmosphere in which the world is encased into the pure sunlight of the Principle of Being.

Do not crush out the up-springing fountain of desire within you. Trust it as the divine life, seeking expression through you. Remember that when you look out upon the objective world you are viewing effects, and not causes. Do not accept that which is builded as greater than the builder. Forms may change, but the Principle of Being is eternal. Your ideals take you back into the realm of causes. Study the key to the combination of forms. Study Principle as well as substance. Seek for that which lies back of the objective world, and you will discover in time that you are not bound so hopelessly by your environment as you had imagined. Knowledge will not come to you unsought; you must search for it. The development of the ideal faculties will help you to grow in true wisdom.

Learn to THINK. In this lies your salvation. Explore the unknown realms of your own mind, and train your faculties to recognize only those things which are most desirable. In your thought power lies enfolded the possibilities of wonderful growth.

The results of holding true to your ideal nature are cumulative. The first effects may be too deep to be noticeable. You must walk by the eye of faith for a time. Pure faith is a sublime possession which all should cultivate.

There is nothing like persistency in holding before the mind's eye,

without any reference to results, a picture of the condition you wish to attain to. A few wavering thoughts in any particular direction will accomplish little, but the silent, steady, continuous flow of the thought currents in any given direction will gradually build results consistent with your expectations provided you are true to your ideals in the face of all appearances.

It is not the ability to think happy, strong thoughts when it costs you no particular effort to do so which will make you strong or demonstrate your ability to control environment. It is the holding to truth in the very teeth of failure and discouragement, the accomplishment of the "enemy's" defeat on his own ground, that will develop your capacity to grow and make of yourself whatsoever you desire to become.

You need to develop the ability to turn directly about when you are in the midst of negative thoughts and conditions, and resolutely put from the mind all that tends in any way to make you unhappy or weaken you, and then KEEP the mind centered on the true condition which you desire to realize. It may be that you have lived so long in the material vibrations only that the idea of faith does not appeal to you; but if you have faith "even as a grain of mustard seed" to make the attempt, and if you will keep on making it without once thinking of what the results may be, then you will be able to PROVE to your own satisfaction that there is salvation in following the desires of the ideal self.—Free Man.

### Some Auto-Suggestions.

LIDA MAY SMITH.

To be repeated upon retiring at night and upon rising in the morning.

"I am free, perfectly free, to live my own life. I have set all others free and thus gained my own freedom."

"I am free. I am not held by any condition or any environment in life. I feel that I have the power within myself to shape my life just as I wish it to be, and I will use this power for my own good and the good of others."

"I am master of my own body; it must and will obey all my commands."

"I am growing stronger, growing stronger every day, mentally, morally and physically."

"As I realize the possibility of shaping my own destiny, of being master instead of the slave of circumstances, the path of life before me grows brighter and brighter. I know that the future holds greater happiness for me than I have realized in the past."

"Success in whatever I undertake is already mine through my recognizing my power to achieve it."

"No matter what obstacles I have to meet, or what discouragements I have to overcome, I will finally succeed; nothing can hinder me."

"No one in the world has any power to harm me; only good can come to me. Only good can come to me."

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SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 15, 1900.

**The Thought Problem** is confronting the world, clamoring for a solution. Are thoughts things? Do they partake of the physical peculiarities of the thinker? Is the collective thought of the stupid, the dyspeptic, the consumptive, the rheumatic and the chronically disabled, responsible for much of what is called evil in the world?

**The Man** who cannot rise superior to the petty passions of hatred towards an inferior, shows himself to be no better or nobler than the object of his uncharitable thought. There is much that he will find it necessary to overcome in his own nature before he is prepared to enter the path of spiritual growth.

**There is One Way** to true happiness, and that is by the exercise of the spirit of forgiveness and gentleness. It may not be really possible to love your enemies, but it is possible not to hate or despise them. Until we can render good for evil, we are not the children of light.

**What Every Spiritualist** most needs is the uplifting of his own spiritual nature. When once he knows that the so-called dead live again, and that under certain conditions they can hold communion with mortals, then should he set himself at the task of preparing himself for that higher life, by bringing himself into harmony with the Divine Spirit in his own nature.

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## Duty of Spiritualists.

President Barrett is feeling for the scalp lock of a large class of people in our ranks, who have never succeeded in getting but one foot out of the churches. These are they who condemn the phenomena and are continually hinting that Spiritualism has outlived its usefulness. They advocate the abandonment of the name, and recommend affiliation with the liberal churches. We make an extract from the last issue of the *Banner of Light*:

The man or woman who talks Spiritualism loudly at camp-meetings, or in private circles of well-known Spiritualists, and then goes home to support any church, no matter how liberal it may be, is as near a hypocrite as is any orthodox pretender, who assumes to be good on Sunday for the purpose of defrauding his fellowmen on the other six days of the week.

## Follow the Plan.

Every spiritual work is planned and fashioned in the psychic realm before it can be begun on the physical plane of being. If, then, like good workmen, we follow the pattern, success is assured.

An inspired writer named certain conditions under which "one should chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight."

Two Spiritualists who will follow the plans for the organization of our people already drafted in the unseen, can add to the membership roll of our auxiliary societies 10,000 active, energetic spiritual workers within a year.

In times of apparent spiritual paralysis, or inertia, each of us looks for external causes, when in reality the origin of the lack of progress is in ourselves. We are not following the plan.

In silent communion with the indwelling spirit of truth the angelic plan is revealed. There also will be found the fountain of wisdom, strength and power to execute and materialize these plans celestial upon this material plane of being.

**Count Tolstoi** says that "the Christian world is lying about China." Continuing, he says:

I would gladly accept the report that only blind fanaticism rages with fire and sword in China, but I know it is not so. This revolt is the consequences of long-continued, persistent and seemingly endless oppression. The Chinese body politic has risen to shake off the yoke of that civilization which bored its fangs into China's very flesh.

**Ought we not** to school ourselves to look with tender compassion upon the undeveloped spirit that can do another a wrong? Only think of the long journey before such souls, the path beset with thorns which they must walk, with aching hearts and bleeding feet, before they can reach the higher life of the spirit.

## The Forward Movement.

Mr. Thaddeus S. Fritz, founder of the fellowship called the Forward Movement, thus declares himself in a recent issue of the *Forward Movement Herald*, published in Los Angeles, Cal., where the fellowship have established a concrete nucleus. He says:

I am what some would call a Christian Socialist. I would prefer the name Social Christian, if one wishes to associate the two terms in the use of a label. If people must have labels to locate others by, I would prefer one that is emphatically inclusive, rather than exclusive. I am part of the whole—a part of all that is. I belong to the whole, and all that is, is somehow related to me and to my life. I am a microcosm of the macrocosm. In the language of Emerson:

I am owner of the sphere,  
Of the seven stars and the solar year,  
Of Caesar's hand, and Plato's brain,  
Of Lord Christ's heart and Shakespeare's strain.

**Show Your Colors.**—The President of the National Spiritualist Association says:

We hold that no Spiritualist has any moral right to withhold his support from a local spiritualistic society for personal reasons of pique, envy, selfishness or jealousy. If he does not like the methods of work, he should join the society and help to correct the apparent errors. If a Spiritualist is afraid of his social position, and pays his money into the treasury of a church for business or prudential considerations, he has not yet learned what makes a Spiritualist, true and tried. The world respects any man or woman who is true to his or her convictions, and has only contempt for a truckling coward.

**Every State Association** of Spiritualists should employ at least two competent workers, a speaker and a medium for propaganda work, and the N. S. A. should employ several. Their work should be self-supporting, if possible, but behind every itinerant worker there must be a fund as a guarantee of support when hard places in the road are encountered. We can raise this fund if we try.

**Two Conventions.**—The Spiritualists of two great States of the Union will assemble in convention before another issue of the JOURNAL, viz: Minnesota and California. We expect some radical, independent action from both sources, and predict a profitable season of fraternal co-operation. Our best wishes go out to truth-seekers everywhere, and to these two spiritual organizations in particular.

**The Man** who is eternally looking for the evil in his neighbors sometimes finds his own gutters and back yards exposed and overhauled in a way he little dreamed of. It is not best to strike back, but there are cases where Nature puts in a plea for justifiable homicide, and the world looks on and commends.

## The Reviewer.

Any of the Books noticed in this Department can be obtained at this office. When to be sent by mail, add 10 cents on the dollar, of the price, for postage.

**The Psychic Digest** and Occult Review of Reviews. Robert Sheerin, M. D., editor, Columbus, Ohio. The August number begins the second volume of this excellent magazine, with treatises on Mental Science and Therapeutics, Hypnotism, Dreams, Visions, Telepathy, Psychometry, Clairvoyance, Spiritism, Theosophy, Astrology and Palmistry, all of which are handled in an able manner. On the title-page is a portrait of W. J. Hull.

**Laura B. Starr**, who for several years resided in China, and who had great facilities for understanding the feminine side of Chinese life, contributes to the October *Delineator* an article that throws much light on the home life of Chinese women. It is illustrated with photographs of Chinese women of various social positions. The October number of the *Delineator*, in addition to Miss Starr's article and the 80 or more sketches of present-day styles, which are prominent features of the magazine, contains 20 other valuable contributions.

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## California State Convention

The fifth annual convention of the California State Spiritualists' Association was called to order by President W. D. J. Hambly at 10:30 a.m. in Sleeper Hall, San Jose, Friday, Sept. 7, 1900. A few words of welcome by the president and the business of the convention began. The president appointed Frank Parker of Santa Cruz reading clerk, Dall Hambly and Roscoe York pages.

The chair announced that Mrs. H. E. Robinson and Mrs. M. E. Coleman had resigned from the Board of Directors, and Jacob Becker and Dr. H. M. Barker were elected to fill the vacancies. The roll call showed 35 delegates present.

The standing committees appointed were: Resolutions—M. S. Norton, Wm. Vinter and Alfred Cridge. Grievances—F. H. Parker, H. H. Nichols, Mrs. R. I. Johnson, Mrs. Wadsworth and Mrs. Bigelow. Reports of Officers—Mrs. B. F. Small, Mrs. Wadsworth and Thos. Ellis. Ways and Means—Wm. Rider, Jos. Murray and Dr. H. M. Barker. Amendments—Mrs. Marcen, Mrs. C. M. Parker and Dr. A. L. Astor. Several resolutions and amendments were offered and referred to proper committees.

Mrs. Mary French of San Francisco and Col. J. L. Dryden of San Diego made short addresses. Adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The roll call showed 36 present. M. S. Norton introduced two amendments and two resolutions. The amendment prohibiting active members of Christian churches from holding office in the Association caused considerable discussion, but they were all finally referred to the proper committees.

President Hambly read his report, followed by Secretary W. T. Jones, who read his report and that of Treasurer B. F. Small, who was not present. The reports were all unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Wallace of Santa Cruz and M. S. Norton of San Francisco each reported the societies of which they were members, in a flourishing condition.

Two communications were read from the secretary of the N. S. A., Mrs. M. T. Longley. Three members of the Committee on Proportional Representation were present, viz: Alfred Cridge, Mrs. A. L. Astor and M. S. Norton. They gave a trial ballot and submitted a report asking the adoption of the Preferential method of voting for members of the Board of Directors.

### FRIDAY EVENING.

At 8 p.m. the First Spiritual Union of San Jose tendered a reception to delegates and their friends. The spacious assembly hall in the Spiritual Temple was tastily decorated and filled to overflowing to listen to a splendid musical and literary program. The guests then repaired to the ball room and formed a grand march which led to the banquet hall. The interior of the refreshment room and the tables were beautifully decorated, and laden with the good things for which San Jose is famous. Mrs. Ella York was chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and presided with grace and dignity at the entertainment.

Mrs. E. P. Anderson had charge of the banquet hall, assisted by Mrs. Clara Gage, Mrs. E. G. Seeley, Mrs. H. Flindt and Mrs. Joshua Peckham, each of whom had two assistants. The ladies of the committee are entitled to unlimited

credit and praise for their faultless management of the reception. Dancing concluded the exercises of the evening. The dance music was first class and the floor management faultless.

### Saturday, Sept. 8.

The convention was called to order by President Hambly at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Hill, a photographer, assembled the delegates in front of Sleeper Hall and photographed them. The question of the adoption of the Preferential method of voting was submitted to the convention and defeated. The Committee on Resolutions submitted several resolutions, all of which were adopted and will be published next week.

The Committees on Amendments, Ways and Means and Reports of Officers made reports, which were adopted. Adjourned.

### 2 P. M.

On roll call 37 delegates answered to their names. The report of the Grievance Committee was accepted, but their recommendations were rejected. Under the head of "Good of the Order" short speeches were made by M. S. Norton, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Wm. Vinter, Mrs. Stoddard, Mrs. Marcen, Col. Dryden, W. T. Jones and Mrs. Stewart. The per capita tax was increased from 25 to 50 cents per annum. A resolution requesting endorsed mediums to contribute 25 cents a quarter, adopted in 1899, was rescinded. A dollar subscription was started and \$65 in cash was collected. The election of Directors was declared in order, and twelve names were placed in nomination. The following were elected: B. F. Small, W. T. Jones, C. H. Wadsworth and M. S. Norton of San Francisco, Mrs. Michener and Thos. Ellis of Oakland, Mrs. Ella York of San Jose, Dr. W. H. Barker of Los Gatos and Frank Parker of Santa Cruz.

The Directors retired and elected M. S. Norton president, C. H. Wadsworth vice-president, W. T. Jones secretary and Thos. Ellis treasurer. Mrs. R. S. Lillie was elected a delegate to the National Convention, and the selection of another was left to the Board of Directors. The PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL was selected as the official organ of the Association, and a vote of thanks extended to Mr. Newman for past favors. Several other votes of thanks were taken, among them one to the retiring Board of Directors.

The newly-elected president took the chair and gavel, with a few pointed remarks, followed by a short speech by Mr. Ellis, the new treasurer. The business session of the fifth annual convention then adjourned *sine die*.

### SATURDAY EVENING.

Mr. Charles Anderson, the "boy orator," delivered an address, followed by Mrs. Stewart of Oakland with spirit messages, and Mrs. R. S. Lillie with a short lecture, and an improvised poem on "The Kingdom of Heaven—Where is it?" suggested by the audience. President Norton presided and Mrs. Sadie Cooke furnished the music.

### Sunday, Sept. 9.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12 m. a conference meeting was held, participated in by many of the ablest workers with short speeches, interspersed with congregational singing.

### 2 P. M.

The program in the afternoon consisted of ten-minute speeches and papers, with program as follows:

Music, orchestra; "Keep Within Hailing Distance of Common Sense," Mrs. E. A. B. Marcen; instrumental selections, the Misses Miller; "The Problem of Life," Mr. S. Norton, San Francisco; "The Little Ones at Home," Mr. Miller; "Spirits Here and Now," Henry H. Brown; "The Lyceum and its Work," W. T. Jones, San Francisco; sesophone solo, Wm. McMeekin; "Phenomena and its True Position in Spiritualism," Mrs. Lizzie Ducker-Lyness; "The Signs of the Times," J. L. Dryden of San Diego; "The Lost Word," M. A. Pottinger; "Best Thoughts," W. E. Bedwell; "Personal Experiences," Mrs. M. B. Woodward; "A Spirit's Message," Mrs. Frank Parker. The meeting closed with "Blest be the Tie That Binds," led by Mr. J. T. Lillie and Mr. Miller.

### SUNDAY EVENING.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. W. T. Jones, State Secretary, conducted the evening service. The music was furnished by Mr. J. T. Lillie and Mrs. Sadie Cooke in a most acceptable manner. Mrs. R. S. Lillie delivered an inspired address, followed by Mr. T. S. Fritz on "The Problem of the Twentieth Century."

Both business and social meetings were well attended and intense interest manifested. The visiting delegates will ever hold San Jose in grateful remembrance, and the fifth annual convention will be recorded in the history of Spiritualism in California as a decided success.

The next convention will be held in Oakland on the first Friday in September, 1901.

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Looking back o'er the years, be they many or few,  
What think you? Has life been worth living to you?

Is life still worth living on this dear old earth?  
Looking back o'er the years to the day of your birth,  
Through the mists and the shadows, the sun-  
Have the pleasures of life outbalanced the pain?

We oft hear it asked if 'tis worth while to live.  
What reply to this query, to-night, can you give?  
Shall we question the years, as on they re-  
Will Time's ceaseless flight Life's great mys-  
tery solve?

Turn backward again, "o'er the stern tide of years,"  
To childhood's bright hours, all unclouded by fears,  
Earth then seemed so fair, all its pleasures so sweet;  
Life then seems worth living; its joys are complete.  
Time still rushing onward, we count, day by day,  
The years which, like milestones, seem to measure life's way.  
As you pause at each one and look back at the  
Each year that is coming seems more fair than the last.

Your days as a child and a maiden are fled;  
In womanhood's years now by wisdom you're led.

Has the wisdom which Time to you has been giving,  
Assured you that life is always worth living?

As still onward you go, may life's coming years  
Bear you further away from life's anguish and tears.  
Through sunshine and shadow, through tem-  
May angels still guide you to walk in the light.

And when at life's evening the shadows are falling,  
And sweet angel voices above you are calling,  
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Oakland, Cal., Aug. 30, 1900.

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**Dr. Geo. W. Carey** has gone to San Jose teaching classes on the Science of Being and Biochemistry. He is located at 74 South Fifth St. Any one wishing to write him should address P. O. Box 428.

**Ladies' Aid.**—The business meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5, was well attended, and the ladies had a very interesting session. Some routine work of revising the By-laws and making arrangements for delegates to attend the State Convention, occupied the time until the hour of closing.

**Mrs. E. R. H. Stoddard's** benefit tea-seance was held at Occidental Hall, corner of Larkin and McAllister Sts., on Sept. 4. There were a goodly number present, and about \$12 was realized. The audience was refreshed by spirit messages from Mrs. Stoddard, Mrs. H. A. Griffin and Mr. Hargrave, and Mrs. Lillie gave an impromptu poem on "Love, Truth and Justice," which was exceedingly fine and well delivered. Mrs. B. F. Small presided with her usual grace and dignity.

**Hermetic Brotherhood** met in open meeting, as usual, on Thursday evening, at 509 Van Ness Ave. There continues to be the air of harmony and quiet enjoyment on the faces of those to whom these meetings are becoming more and more of a help. The topic of the evening was "Judge Not." Music, of the best, was furnished by Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Weld and Mrs. Klindt. The talks were all extempore and listened to with interest. The topic for Sept. 13 is Shadows.

**Prof. Richard Young**, while trimming a high tree on his place in Alameda, fell to the ground—a distance of 32 feet. He sustained injuries which will disable him for some time. On this account he was not at the State Convention last week.

**Mrs. R. S. Lillie** will deliver a lecture at Golden Gate Hall, 625 Sutter St., San Francisco, next Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock. Mr. John T. Lillie will conduct the musical exercises. Let there be a large audience.

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**Oakland.**—One of the largest audiences ever in Fraternal Hall assembled there last Sunday evening to greet Dr. Max Muehlenbruch. The doctor was at his best, and the occasion was one long to be remembered. Mrs. H. A. Griffin has been engaged for the balance of September. THOS. ELLIS.

**The Eleventh Anniversary** of the Independent Free Thought Bible Spiritualists' Society was celebrated at 909 Market St. on Tuesday, Sept. 4. There was an entertainment and social and a good time generally, participated in by a large number of friends of the Society. Dr. C. H. RinEs presided. Capt. A. A. Stout, Conductor of Ceremonies, introduced the participants in the program: Duet, "La Brillianta," by Mrs. Tillie RinEs, violin, and Mrs. Edith Avery, piano; Mr. Hall, recitation, "Boil it Down;" Mr. Carl Eberhardt, short remarks; Mrs. Edith Avery, piano solo; Mr. Davidson, a short speech; Miss Ophelia Davidson, song with zither accompaniment and encore; Mr. McNorton, mouth harp and guitar solo, "Annie Laurie;" Mrs. Tillie RinEs and Mrs. Edith Avery, duet, violin and piano; Dr. C. H. RinEs, remarks on Spiritualism and Organization; Mrs. Edith Avery, piano solo; Mrs. H. A. Dunham, short speech on Spiritualism; Capt. A. A. Stout, "the Status of this Society and its Auxiliary." We had a nice company and all enjoyed themselves. After the program was rendered, the floor was given over to the dancers, with Brother Hall as floor manager. S.

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**Passed to Spirit Life.**—Mrs. Warren, mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Sloper. The funeral took place from her late home, 449 Jersey St., on Sept. 7, Mrs. R. S. Lillie officiating. The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. Sloper and her family in their bereavement. The body was cremated, according to her earnest wish, at the Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

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